

PEACE OR WAR WITH TEUTONS IN TEN DAYS

Navy Department Prepares to
Put Acid Test to Inter-
national Issue.

READY TO ARM U. S. SHIPS

Guns and Weapons to Be Furnish-
ed All Ships Requesting
Them.

Within ten days the issue of peace
or war between the United States
and Germany will be put to the acid
test by the actual invasion of the
U-boat zone by American merchant
ships.

The navy is ready to take the situ-
ation into its own hands. Its con-
trol of policy toward the submarine
menace will be independent of the
owners or masters of the merchant-
men in every way, for the program
it has mapped out has been approved
by President Wilson.

The plans of the navy include the
placing of ten gunners under one
commissioned naval officer aboard
each American liner of the first im-
portance; on vessels of the second
rank, a smaller number of gun
pointers and either a commissioned
or a warrant officer.

Independent of Captain.
The reason for assigning a commis-
sioned officer to the ships is to make
absolutely clear the status of the navy
command on them. They are to be in-
dependent of the captain on all ques-
tions relating to the submarine peril. They
will be limited only by the instructions
issued by the Navy Department.

President Wilson and his advisers last
night sat down for a period of "watch-
ful waiting." Long days and anxious
nights of waiting for news from the war
zone, will now occupy Washington and
the country. The administration is con-
vinced that the difference between the
United States and Germany will reach a
climax when the first armed American
merchant ship meets a German subma-
rine. While all ships are in a threat-
ening manner, the first encounter between
an American ship and a German under-
sea boat will bring definite, decisive re-
sults. The administration still hopes
that the German submarine com-
manders in the war zone will follow
international law and respect American
rights.

If the usual rules of sea warfare are
followed, and American ships are coerced
into attacking the submarines, the ships
will not resist. Only this course, it is
stated, can prevent open hostilities be-
tween the two nations.

Navy Ready to Act.
Meantime, the Navy Department went
steadily forward with the work of arm-
ing merchantmen. Every American mer-
chant ship which requests protection will
be given adequate armament and qual-
ified naval gunners. Every government
agency will be invoked to insure proper
safeguards in the way of concealing de-
partures, arrivals and probable courses
of American ships.

Waiting for definite action in the war
zone to precipitate the climax in the Ger-
man dispute, the administration con-
centrated all its energy on preparation for
any eventuality. The war-making ma-
chinery of the government is under or-
ders to get into fighting trim, and the
mobilization of the industrial and com-
mercial forces of the nation to meet
whatever the news from the war zone
may bring forth, will go steadily on.
Through the Council of National De-
fense, and its advisory commission, the
work of organizing the nation's labor and
business will be continued, and all of its
vast energies of the country will be made
available for any use the President may
wish to make of them.

President Wilson and his advisers yes-
terday began planning the program of
"war legislation" which will be laid be-
fore an extraordinary session of the Sixty-
fifth Congress called for April 15. All
of the matters which the President will
call to the attention of the Congress will
have to do with the international situa-
tion.

To Estimate Cost.
The War Department and the Navy
Department have been ordered to pre-
pare estimates of the funds that will be
necessary to meet any situation that may
arise, and also to frame tentative legis-
lation designed to accomplish any changes
in administrative organization that may
prove advisable. The President expects
to have a clear and definite legislative
program ready to submit when the ex-
traordinary session convenes, and he
looks for a prompt response to his legis-
lative demands.

President Wilson and Secretary Lan-
sing have begun an intensive study of the
latest Austrian communication on the
submarine question. It is expected that
the negotiations with Austria will be
continued, temporarily at least. It was
stated last night, however, that the Aus-
trian situation would undoubtedly be
brought to a climax if an actual clash
between the United States and Germany
is precipitated by happenings in the war
zone.

GOOD NEWS FOR HUSBANDS.

Marietta, Ohio, March 11.—More than
200 married women of this city at a
mass meeting today agreed to do with-
out their husbands for the duration of
the war.

They also agreed to help their hus-
bands with the gardening this spring in
an effort to bring down the high cost of
living.

The Finest Men's Furnishings
Edward E. Harding
1345 Pennsylvania Ave. N. W.
"Watch the Window"

FOUR U-BOAT TARGETS ARRIVE AT NEW YORK

British Admiralty Orders Silence on
Details of Trip, Says Captain.

New York, March 11.—Four freightships
arrived here today after avoiding the
perils of the submarine zones. They
were the Mississippi of the French Line,
from Bordeaux; the British steamships
Port Napier and St. George, which were
under orders from the Cunard Line, and
the Shonga, from Dakar, Africa.

Capt. Fortay, of the St. George, when
reporters sought to interview him, said
he himself ordered by the British
admiralty not to talk.

The commanders of the other steam-
ships said their trips had been unevent-
ful.

CARRANZA CHOSEN

First Chief's Election Con-
ceded by His Opponents.

(By the International News Service.)
Mexico City, March 11.—Elections were
held today throughout the republic for
president, senators and deputies. The
election of Carranza, who as first chief
of the constitutional revolution has
dominated Mexico since the overthrow of
the Huerta government, was conceded.

It was the first national election since
that which followed Francisco Madero in
the presidency for his short-lived term of
office. This fact caused much enthusiasm
among the people. There were several
disturbances reported in some places, due
directly to the electoral campaign. But
these disorders were bloodless affrays.

Carranza took an active part in the
campaign. Many persons who withheld
themselves from revolutionary activity
cast their votes in his favor.

The presidential campaign was not as
strongly contested as the election of sen-
ators and deputies, judging from the re-
turns tonight. It was assumed that the
revolutionary government would carry a
large majority in both chambers. There were only a few inde-
pendent candidates who succeeded in im-
posing themselves as adversaries of the
government party.

Enthusiasm was especially noticed be-
cause the revolutionary party was divided
into many groups to fight for their vari-
ous candidates.

According to an official statement issued
today, the house of representatives will
be installed April 15, and its sessions will
begin on May 1. Mr. Carranza will as-
sume the presidency on May 1.

SCHWAB PLANT BUILDS NEW 18-INCH U. S. GUN

Bethlehem Steel Company Spending
\$3,000,000 Equipping Factory.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Bethlehem, Pa., March 11.—Eighteen-
inch guns, the great weapons in naval
warfare, will soon be made by the Beth-
lehem Steel Company, should the United
States navy demand them for the equip-
ment of vessels of the new program.

The United States navy demands that
the construction of the plant to make this
steel monster is being pushed to the ut-
most.

The lessons taught by the battle of the
North Sea and the battle of Jutland
have convinced the navy that the battle-
cruisers of the future must be armed with
16-inch guns. On paper at the time these
boats were provided for, they were the
most powerful vessels of their kind.

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Yale Seniors Set New Figures for Spending

New Haven, Conn., March 11.—Accord-
ing to statistics compiled by the senior
class at Yale it has established a record
for spending. The figures show that the
expenses of the class for its four years at
the university have been \$1,464,128, nearly
a million and a half dollars.

The figures that in freshman year the
class spent \$464,067; in sophomore year,
\$312,890; in junior year, \$335,716, and in
senior year the figure is set down at
\$352,455. The most extravagant man in the
class admitted an expenditure of \$5,000
this year alone, while the figures show
that as a freshman one of the members
of the class went through the year on a
\$100 allowance.

While the class of '17 proved to be good
spenders, they didn't show much capacity
for earning money. The hard-working
members of the class accumulated but
\$3,352 during the four years, while the
class as a whole had accumulated \$1,464,128.
The average return of \$338.97 in various lines
of endeavor, including almost every oc-
cupation from that of an ice man to a
professional palisade.

PRESIDENT NEARLY RID OF COLD

President Wilson, although materially
improved in health and with the heavy
weight from which he has suffered since
the Monday almost eradicated, kept in
the house yesterday. Dr. Grayson told
the President that he was really well
enough to go out under ordinary cir-
cumstances, but that the spring-like air
of early March was too much for him.

Back of the brilliant sunlight and the
balm of the breeze there was a dampness that
might bring mischief. It is expected
that the President will be at his desk to-
day and if fair skies prevail he may go
for an airing in the afternoon.

DROPS TEUTON NAME.

New York, March 11.—Capt. Oscar Sol-
hert, an engineering instructor at the
United States Military Academy, West
Point, has had his name changed to the
French spelling, Solbert, it was learned
today.

The officer asserts that he is a descen-
dant of a Frenchman and that the Ger-
man spelling of his name was acquired
when he lived in Sweden.

Judge Seeger, in granting permission
for the change, said that the officer's in-
itials would be "substantially" bene-
fited.

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Consult Baltimore and Ohio Agents
about your travel problems. They
tell you of our splendid through service
at frequent hours, day and night, to
the East, West and North.—Ad.

BRITISH CAPTURE BAGDAD CITADEL

Turkish Army in Full Flight
Northwest Along Tigris,
Reports Say.

(By the International News Service.)
Amsterdam, March 11.—Bagdad has
fallen to the British.

From the historic, battle-scarred citadel
of the ancient Mesopotamian metropolis
flutters tonight the Union Jack, and far
beyond the city's outskirts British avia-
tion is hard on the heels of the Turks,
fleeing northward along both banks
of the Tigris.

News of Bagdad's capture by Gen.
Maude's army reached London late this
afternoon. It was promptly flashed
broadcast and came to all Europe as the
most unexpected surprise of the war.

The city would fall sooner or later,
but the capture would come so soon
surprised even the most sanguine British military
experts.

The Turks had been expected to make
a stubborn stand on the River Diale, six
miles away. Only a few days ago Maj.
Gen. Frederick B. Maurice, chief director
of military operations at the British war
office, had predicted a hard battle. The
idea was general that for two years the
Turks had been busy constructing power-
ful defenses to ward off the final Brit-
ish onslaught.

All England was jubilant
tonight, according to London dispatches,
and voices from other entente capital
show that the spirit of triumph is fully
shared there.

Restores Prestige.

The capture of Bagdad, it is felt, goes
a long way toward re-establishing the
badly battered British prestige in the
Middle East. It wipes out the humili-
ating defeat of Kut-el-Amara and ob-
literates the disaster left behind. To re-
turn the reverse is one of the worst
things that could happen to the British
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U. S. TUG MYSTERIOUSLY SETTLES AT HER BERTH

Bay Patrol Sentinel Springs Leak.
Authorities Investigating.

Baltimore, Md., March 11.—With her
draft more than two feet above normal,
the government bay patrol tug Sentinel
was found to be sinking this morning at
the Terminal Warehouse Company's
wharf, foot of Bond street. Water filled
the engine room and the boiler seemed to
be in imminent danger of explosion.

"What caused the vessel to settle is a
mystery. The officers of the craft are re-
lent and the crew apparently was cau-
tioned not to give out information."
The Sentinel was found to be settling
by one of her firemen who was on board
last night as watchman. She tied up at
the wharf Friday.

By 10 o'clock the craft had been raised
about a foot.

STUDENT QUIZZED

Second Hindu Tells of Teuton-
India Conspiracy.

(By the International News Service.)
New York, March 11.—From Heramba
L. Gupta, a Hindu student in Columbia
University, the police today declared they
had obtained information that Germany,
in 1915, sought to bribe Japan into send-
ing sufficient arms and ammunition into
India to make successful a huge rebel-
lion against the British crown.

Gupta was arrested Saturday night and
taken to police headquarters. There
Commissioner Woods, Deputy Commis-
sioner Scull and Detective Capt. Tunney
questioned him. They refused to divulge
his entire confession, but they let it be
known that he unburdened himself of a
story of intrigue and espionage.

He is alleged to have declared that in
1915 he received "an enormous sum" from
an office in No. 60, Wall Street—the ad-
dress of Capt. von Papen, the German
attache recalled by the Kaiser. He is
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money he went to Japan and there tried
to induce certain Japanese politicians to
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CYCLONE SWEEPS INDIANA; 37 DEAD

Death Roll May Be Even
Greater—Newcastle and
Muncie Hard Hit.

(By the International News Service.)
Newcastle, Ind., March 11.—At
midnight there were thirty-five
known dead in the cyclone here.

The wind which had been blowing
steadily, suddenly became stronger. An
ominous black cloud rose with amazing
suddenness and almost without warning
the cyclone burst, shrieking and dealing
death.

Darkness prevented the militia—which
had arrived from Muncie from finding
injured or dead, and it is expected that
the probable loss of life will not be de-
termined until daybreak.

Among the injured twelve are at the
point of death, while a score more are
very seriously injured.

Between 300 and 400 houses were de-
molished and it is estimated that the prop-
erty loss will reach more than \$1,000,000.
The cyclone came almost without warn-
ing and continued for three-quarters of
an hour. It came after a day of almost
summer heat. Many of the victims were
seated on their front porches.

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Factory District Hit.

The cyclone passed east through the
city, the great devastation being in the
factory district. The residence district
was first hit, and then took a zigzag
course through the manufacturing section.

The big greenhouses which gave New-
castle the title, "The City of Roses,"
were reduced to ruins. The South Build-
ing also was completely demolished.

As soon as the stricken city could rally
every physician in town was called to aid
the injured, and hurry rescue corps were
formed to dig into ruins for those buried
beneath timbers and walls. Indianapolis
and surrounding cities sent forces of
physicians and nurses to assist.

The hospitals soon were crowded and
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"SHOOT YOUR SONS," CRIES ALMA GLUCK

Prefers Murder to Allowing Boys to
Enlist for War Service.

(By the International News Service.)
Boston, Mass., March 11.—"Shoot your
sons, shoot your sons, before you allow
them to enlist for war," she cried.

Such is the advice of Alma Gluck, the
grand opera star, and wife of Zimbalist,
the violinist. Mrs. Gluck is of Russian
birth. Her husband is a Russian.

"If every woman would pledge herself to
kill her sons before she lets them go
to war, there would be no war," she con-
tinued.

"Before I would let a son of mine go
to war and be shot, after he had killed
the sons of other women, I would shoot
him myself with my own hands. You
think he might return alive? Maimed,
crippled or slightest? Ah, that would be
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Mrs. Gluck has two daughters, a girl
of 18 and a babe of 18 months, but no
sons.

Refuses to Sell Potatoes Higher Than \$1.50 Bushel

Newfane, Vt., March 11.—W. P. Eames,
keeper of a general store here, absolutely
refuses to take advantage of the condi-
tions brought about by the speculators
who have boosted prices of food. He
sells potatoes at \$1.50 a bushel and won't
take a cent more.

"My potatoes are \$1.50 the bushel, and
that's all the hanged things are worth,"
Eames came here from Boston several
years ago. While he sells potatoes to
the villagers at this low price, the local
milk producers enjoy themselves figuring
whether the Boston milk market will
stand another nickel on the can.

NUT MESSAGE FINDS FATHER.

Savannah, Ga., March 11.—Her name and
address placed in an almond shell by
Hazel Herzinger, of Marysville, Cal.,
reached her father, W. Herzinger, of
Savannah, Ga., from whom she had be-
come separated after the death of her
mother in a Mississippi flood five years
ago.

The young woman, who was picking
almonds, intrusted her missive to one of
them "just for fun."

GERARD DUE HERE WEDNESDAY

Ambassador Gerard, recalled from Ger-
many, cables the State Department yes-
terday that he had arrived safely at
Havana, Cuba. Ambassador Gerard said
that with his party he would leave Cuba
today for Key West, and would come di-
rectly to Washington. He will reach
Washington for conferences with Sec-
retary of State Lansing and President Wil-
son on Wednesday at noon.

HOSPITAL HERO DYING.

Wilmington, Del., March 11.—Thomas
W. Wilson, Delaware College athlete and
son of Insurance Commissioner William
Wilson, is sinking rapidly at the Dela-
ware Hospital, where he has been since
May last, suffering with a fractured
spine.